

REMARKS

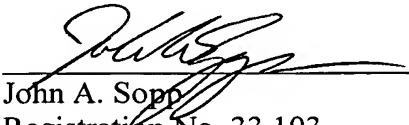
The above amendment merely cancels claims non-elected pursuant to a restriction requirement first made in the Final Office Action. The amendment does not narrow the broadest scope of the elected claims and/or was not made for purposes of patentability. It is submitted that the above amendment puts the application in condition for allowance since the only remaining claims, i.e., claims 6, 8-12 and 14-29, were indicated in the Office Action to be allowable. The amendment does not raise new issues or present new matter and does not present additional claims. The amendment was made to address the restriction requirement first made in the Final Office Action, thus, it could not have been earlier presented. Accordingly, it is submitted that the requested amendment should be entered.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter disclosed in the application which has been canceled by the above amendment.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. But the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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